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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit	:	2884
Examiner	:	Gagliardi, Albert J.
Applicant	:	Joseph S. Stam et al.
Appln. No.	:	10/615,317
Filing Date	:	July 08, 2003
Confirmation No.	:	9360
Docket No.	:	AUTO 218
Customer No.	:	028,167

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY
EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed April 27, 2006 finally rejecting claims 26, 27, 32-38 and 41-46.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate.

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of:

 X other than a small entity
 small entity

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Verified Statement

___ attached
___ previously submitted on ___

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

___ small entity
X other than a small entity

Notice of Appeal Fee Due: \$500.00

3. EXTENSION OF TIME

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

(a) ___ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below.

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
___ one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
___ two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
___ three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
___ four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

Fee Due: \$0.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

(b) ___ An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore ___ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Fee Due: _____

or

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(b) ___ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee: \$500.00
Extension fee (if any): \$0.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$500.00

5. FEE PAYMENT

___ Attached is a check in the sum of ___

X Charge Account No. 07-1070 the sum of \$500.00
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

6. FEE DEFICIENCY

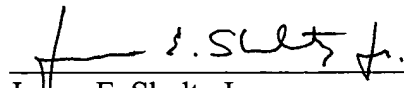
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and/or

___ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 07-1070.

Respectfully Submitted,

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